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The Horace Mann School, at Juniata

street and Oak Hill avenue, has been com-

pleted and is ready for occupancy. To-day

and to-morrow it will be thrown open for

inspection by the public between the hours

of 9 a, m. and 5 p. m. Scholars destined for

the new school have beeen occupying five

portable rooms located on the school prem-

ises. Monday the various classes will be in-

stalled in the new building.
As it stands to-day, the Horace Mann

School cost \$39,930. It contains nine class-rooms and a kindergarten, accommodating 600 children. The building is two stories

high, with a well-lighted basement. It is heated and ventilated by the plenum, or steam-fan, system, whereby the air in each

classroom is changed at least every seven

CIGAR SALESMAN with established trade with large dealers who buy direct from factories. Address, giving sales, references, etc., H. C. FISHER, Fisher building, Chicago.

EDWIN FOWLER'S WILL FILED.

Estate Worth \$75,000 Left to Rel-

The will of Edwin Fowler, who for 43

years was State agent for the Mutual Ben-

efit Life Insurance Company of Newark

N. J., was filed for probate yesterday. His

by Nathan Kaufman and Joseph Block.

Especially dry, without heaviness, deli-cate and breedy, is G. H. MUMM'S EXTRA DRY, now coming to the market. Importa-tions of 120,539 cases in 1901—nearly 69,099 more than any other brand.

Private M. McKenzie Dead.

Washington, Feb. 7.—Another of the marrines with Waller during his terrible march across the Island of Samar, is dead. A cablegram received at the Navy Depart ment to-day reports that Private M. McKenzie died at Taciohan, February 1, fron liver complications contracted on tha march.

Doctor J. E. Groves Appointed.

Altamont, Ill., Feb. 7.—Doctor J. E. Groves of this city has been appointed by Governor Yates as assistant surgeon of the Southern Illinois Insane Asylum at Anna, Ill., and assumed his office to-day.

oil Found in Colorado.

Glenwood Springs, Colo., Feb. 7.—Oil has been struck in a well at Parachute at a depth of 550 feet. It is of the same excellent grade as that recently discovered in a well at Debeque.

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### **DIFFICULTIES TO BE** OVERCOME IN PANAMA READY FOR OCCUPANCY

Admiral Walker Appears Before New Building Will Accommodate Committee to Explain Commission's Recommendation.

Washington, Feb. 7.—Admiral John G. Walker, chairman of the Isthmian Canal Commission, testified before the Senate mittee on Interogranic Canals to-day. In reply to numerous questions, he explained the reasons for the recent recomendation for the acceptance of the offer of the Panama Canal Company.

In replying to these inquiries, Admiral Walker spoke at some length upon the engineering features of the two canals, Senator Barris questioned him specially with reference to the difficulty of excavating for the Bohlo dam, developing the fact that it would be necessary to sink the proposed piers to a greater depth than had ever been ne for such a purpose.

The foundation of the pler will be 125 feet

below sea level, and the witness said there were differences of opinion as to the at-mospheric pressure, and the possibility of seepage at this depth in that climate. He said that with reference to scepage the en-Admiral Walker also was questioned con-cerning the possibility of utilizing the Chagres River as a part of the canal. He nitted that it is a torrential stream, but expressed the opinion that it could be safely

with reference to the estimate that ten years would be necessary to build the Panama Canal, while eight years would suffice for the construction of the canal by the Nicaragua route, he said the difference against the Panama route was due largely to the extent of the great Culebra cut and the Bohio dam. He thought that in ordinary weather steam vessels would be to make their way through the Panama, Canal without being towed, but that towal, se might be necessary when the winds are high.

He expressed the opinion that Brito Har-

are high.

He expressed the opinion that Brito Harbor, at the Pacific end of the Nicaragua route, would possess an advantage over the Panama Harbor, in that vessels would be immediately able to avail themselves in the former of the trade winds, while in Passma Bay they would not secure this advantage until towed out to sea, However, he thought that good harbors could be cheaply secured at the western terminus of both routes.

Your Best Friend is TOUR STOMACH, Try the Budwelser Restaurant, 815 Locust street.

MACHINE MAY BE IN DANGER Texas Federal Officehunters Are Besieging the President.

efit Life Insurance Company of Newark, N. J., was filed for probate yesterday. His estate is said to be worth \$55,000. He left \$5,000 to his son, Francis Edwin, in trust, the income to be used in connection with a fund on deposit in the National Savings Bank of Newburyport, Mass., for the benefit of his nicce, Susan M. Fowler, who, it is stated, is an inmate of an institution in Danvers, Mass. at her death the \$5,000 reverts to the estate of the testator. To his nicces, Laura D. Fowler, Fannie L. Fowler and Elizabeth Fowler, he left \$500 each; his nicce, Carrie Fowler, he left \$500 each; his nicce, Carrie Fowler Fettingell, John M. Pettingell and Carrie F. Pettingell, Harold Fowler and Aibert E. Fowler, sons of his nephew, Albert Edwin Fowler, sons of his nephew, Albert Edwin Fowler, wife of his nephew, Albert Fowler, \$50 each; his friehd, Arma E. Colby, Salisbury Point, Mass., \$150; Allena Hall and Lillian Smith, Arlington, Mass., and Helen and Arthur T. Clarke, \$50 each; Alonzo P. Bacon and Edward T. Bacon, Winchester, Mass.; Fannie M. Bacon, St. Louis, Hannah T. Clarke, Boston, Mass., and Fannie Lord Fowler, widow of his brother, Richard, \$100 each.

He left his son, Francis Edwin, \$5,00.
The will recites as a reason for not leaving him more that the legate is possessed of a lucrative business and has received financial assistance from the testator, Minule Fowler, wife of Francis Edwin Fowler, and Harriet M. and Francis Edwin Fowler, he left \$19,000 in trust \$40 a month of the income to be noted to testator's son, Edwin Fowler, Jr. the orincinal to revert to testator's estate at the death of Edwin, unless the latter should leave descendants, who shall inherit it. The remainder of the estator's estate at the death of Edwin, unless the latter should leave descendants, who shall inherit it. The remainder of the estator's estate at the death of Edwin, unless the latter should leave descendants. Washington, Feb. 7 .- Doctor John Grant, United States Marshal for the Southern District of Texas, had a talk with the Pres ident this morning regarding political affairs. The President, in most of the nom-inations so far made, has recognized the Texas organization, but some of those rec-ommended by the machine are being fought

hard.
Webster Flannagan, Collector of Internal
Revenue at Austin, is having trouble. P.
B. Hunt is the other Collector in the State,
and will, apparently, get through without a
serious fight. Of the three Marshals in the
State, one, Doctor Grant, has been renommated by the President. Marshal George
Green in the Northern District and Marshal
Sebrecht in the Western, are backed by the
organization, but the latter is confronted by
charges that may delay or defeat his renomination. Mr. Green will probably get another term.

Note Change-City ticket and freight of-fice of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Rallway now located at 529 Olive street.

MISS HELEN GOULD IN TEXAS.

She Was Tendered a Reception at Georgetown University. REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Georgetown, Tex., Feb. 7.-Miss Helen Gould arrived in this city at 3 o'clock this afternoon and remained until 5:20 p. m. She was tendered a reception at the ladies' an nex of the Southwestern University.

THE spot of all spots at which to outfit your boys in hats and nice clothing at most moderate prices is the CRAWFORD STORE!! Get out of your old rut and try it ence!! It will be a revelation to you to find boys clothing sold at a profit in this store to be less in price than the fakers' prices, who are eternally shouting "Wolf! Wolf!" add eternally selling their goods at 25 cents on the dollar, as it were!!

We have now opened up our stock of Fail and Winter Overcoats of all kinds, and in all colors, for both rich and poor, large and small, and at figures to suit all, and lower than any other place in the city. An immense line to serve place in the city. An immense line to serve the colors of the city of the colors of the city of th

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DOCTOR STARKLOFF

**ADVISES VACCINATION** 

Louis Cannot Afford to Have

an Epidemic of Smallpox.

MAY IMPEDE WORLD'S FAIR.

The Disease, Doctor Starkloff De clares. Has Been Mild, but Danger of More Malignant Form Is Imminent.

Health Commissioner Starkloff, in com senting yesterday on the prevalence of smallpox, in many States, said St. Louis has been very fortunate. Though the disease has attacked not a few persons in the last year, it has been a mild type and has resulted in but a few deaths.

In order that smallpox may not only be kept in restraint, mild though the type is here, but be rapidly suppressed by accepttor Starkloff advices that employers take special precautions to have their employes vaccinated. He says the vaccine physicians at the City Dispensary are at the public's

Epidemic in United States. "It is well-known by the health au-thorities," Doctor Starkloff stated, "that smallpox is epidemic in the United States, and the most recent reports of the United States Marine-Hospital Service, which are compiled as carefully and completely as possible, show that almost without exceppossible, show that almost without excep-tion every county of every State is in-vaded to a greater or less extent. From this report I note that New York had from June 23 to November 20, 570 cases of this disease, with 162 deaths. It is now a daily occurrence to see in the press dis-patches accounts of outbreaks at different points. This outbreak which began in the year 1898 has been of so mild a character as to have caused a contention as to its identity by not only the laymen, but by the medical profession, causing it to be called medical profession, causing it to be called by many different names, such as chickenpox, Cuban itch, Puerto Rican Itch, ele-phant itch, etc. It has been neglected and rid,culed, but the disease is now assuming a more malignant form.

"St. Louis, on the eve of a National Exposition cannot afford an Outbreak.

"St. Louis, on the eve of a National Exposition cannot afford to confroat a smallpox outbreak, and if it should obtain a firm foothold here it will imperil not only the success of our Exposition, but the trade of our city to the extent of many thousands of dollars, to say nothing of the possible loss of life.

"The Boards of Health of the different States, as a rule, have given this condition little if any attention; only a spasmodic effort here and there at points where severer types have prevailed. This indifference, with the opposition of the persons who are sincera in many cases, in their disbellef as to it being smallpox, has allowed it to spread rapidly and surely throughout the country.

"This decase has been remarkable for its mildners, as I have said, but it must be borne in mind that a mild type may assume a most malignant form to the susceptible unvaccinated person, and cases of this kind have frequently come to the Health Department this year. We are not far from the time when the mortality throughout the country will bring the people to a realization of the existing conditions.

He Urges Vaccination. Cannot Afford an Outbreak.

minutes. Throughout the structure is fire-proof, and in its finish and sanitary appli-ances is as modern as any school building Special effort was made to make the building attractive to the children. The classrooms are light and airy, and all the furniture is of the latest and most im-proved design. The entire collection of pic-tures owned by the St. Louis Art League. to the number of about 50, will be hung to the number of about 500, will be hung in the school, where it will remain during the remainder of the scholastic year.

The Board of Education has just closed a deal for the purchase of a lot on the southeast corner of McNair and Allen avenues, on which a new school building will be erected. This school will telleve the crowded condition of the Peabody Carroll, Lafayette and Clinton schools. The lot has a frontage of 533 feet on McNair avenue and cost \$10,750.

"I would urge upon our citizens to protect themselves by vaccination, and would urge employers to bring before their people the importance of this procedure. The contemplated Exposition is bringing a large number of people to our city in quest of employment from outlying districts where the subject of vaccination has been given little or no consideration. I would suggest that employers see that their employes are in such condition as to prevent an embarrassment to their business from an outbreak of the disease; that in considering an application for employment, the applicant should be required to furnish a certificate setting forth his immunity.

"The City Dispensary Division of the Health Department is ready to inspect all applicants, vaccinating when necessary, and to furnish the applicant a certificate giving his vaccinal condition.

"I feel that calling attention in the proper way to the existing conditions will not oc-He Urges Vaccination.

"I feel that calling attention in the proper way to the existing conditions will not occasion any unnecessary alarm and will do a vast amount of good in protecting our commercial interests as well as our citizens. "This department is doing everything that intelligent action can suggest to control this disease. What we need is the co-operation of our citizens and the press."

Fine Vases and Potterles. Royal Bonn, \$1.75 to \$48.00. Old Vienna, \$16.50 to \$45.00. Cloisonne Ware, \$1.75 to \$250.00,

Crown Dresden, \$4.25 to \$175.00. MERMOD & JACCARD JEWELRY CO.,

OLD BILL" KNEW THE WAY. Fireman's Horse Ran to Engine-

House With Woman Driver.

Busch was attending the Coroner's inquest yesterday on the bodies of the seven fire men who were killed Tuesday night, woman climbed into his buggy, which he had left at the curb in front of the City Hail and drove rapidly away south. It was evidently her intention to go to South St. Louis, but when it reached the intersection of Spruce street the horse, "Billy," instead of holding the course and going across the Twelfth street yladuct, turned east.

across the I well a cast.

The woman attempted to guide the horse, but it seemed to know a stranger had hold of the reins, and paid no attention. It continued on a dead run, and to add to the excitement the woman sounded the gong. Persons run to their doors, thinking a fire engline was passing, and were more surprised than ever to see a woman in the

In spite of the woman's tugs at the reins, the horse never stopped until he reached the engine-house, at Broadway and Valentine street. Three firemen took charge of the horse and buggy and held the woman until a policeman was called. Then she was taken to the Chestnut Street Police Substation, where she gave the name of Mamie Webber, 23 years old. The police report that she was under the influence of liquor and could not tell where she lived. She said she wanted a drive and climbed into the buggy for fun.

\$20.00-Mardi Gras-\$20.00. New Orienns and return, February 4 to 10. via Illinois Central Railtond, TWO THROUGH SLEEPERS EVERY DAY, 8:39 a. m. and 10:15 p. m.

FOR MAKING ILLEGAL ARREST. Sergeant of Police Henry Meyer

Was Fined \$25. Sergeant Henry Meyer of the Central Dis trict police was fined \$25 in the Court of Criminal Correction yesterday morning on the charge of making an illegal arrest.

Doctor Frederick M. Eder, who has an office at No. 273 North Twentieth street, was prosecuting witness.

Doctor Feder experienced some trouble in leaving a crowded Broadway car at Chestleaving a crowded Broadway car at Chest-nut street on December 28, and was obliged to squeeze by the Sergeant. The doctor made some remarks which caused the Ser-geant to leave the car and arrest him. A charge of disturbing the peace was placed against Doctor Eder, but he was discharged the next morning in the Police Court. Doctor Eder then procured a war-rant against Sergeant Meyer. The Ser-geant will appeal the case.

CHARGED WITH STEALING TEAM Warrants charging grand larceny were issued yesterday against Fred Shaw, 60 years old, of No. 1227 North Tenth street, and Myles Bartly, 35 years old, living at No. 1833 North Sixth street. They were arrested on complaint of Morris Rubenstein, a furniture dealer, who claims they stole his horse and wagon from in front of his store early yesterday morning. Both deny the charge,

## STORMS HINDER TRAFFIC BUT OUTLOOK IS HOPEFUL.

Dun's Review Says Famine Con-

ditions Exist in the Market

for Pig Iron.

New York, Feb. 7 .- R. G. Dun & Co.'s

weekly review of trade to-morrow will say Interruption to railway traffic and outdoor

work by severe storms was the only unfavorable factor in the business situation in the last week, while manufacturing activity increased, and dis-

tribution through retail channels was undimin-ished. Reports from the West are especially en-couraging, but a few Southern points are slow

to exhibit improvement. Railway earnings con-

to pay a premium, and consumers have been compelled in some instances to place orders abroad. Efforts are being made to repurchase from sent abroad last year, since that may evade the duty. German billets are still arriving, but the market abroad is advancing, which will tend to be the market abroad is advancing.

to check the movement. Structural material sup-lies are utterly inadequate, and the action of the Chicago Council repealing the ordinance limiting the height of buildings has pinced many new contracts on the market. Railways are so urgent for supplies that an order for rails may go

abroad. In the light of these reports it is not surprising that exports of iron and steel fall off and foreign contracts receive scant attention. Activity is general at shoe shops, particularly in the West, and New Fingland factories are

in the West, and New England factories are shipping at the rate of 9 per cent more than last vear. No concessions are made from the recent advance, but there are still buyers who prefer to accept a poorer quality at old prices. Hemlock sole is the best-supported leather, and light weights are in short supply. While some hides at Chicago are again easier in price, there & evidence of some improvement in the situation.

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Moderate supplies continue the best feature as to cotton goods, and there is no pressure to sell. Print cloths have risen slightly, and all lines are firmly held. Exporters are bidding for coarse colored cottons, but in these, as in most grades, buyers and sellers are far apart in their views of the right price. The situation appears to favor holders.

Health Commissioner Says St. Bradstreet's Says Confident Feeling Pervades the Distributive Trades.

New York, Feb. 7.-Bradstreets to-morrow

Trade developments this week have been largely favorable. All the measures of legitimate trade point to January equaling in most respects and exceeding in many the records of a year ago. Failures, it is true, were larger in number, but the increase was all at the South, from which trade reports have been poor, but show a slightly more hopeful trend since cotton has taken its move upwards. The general level of prices moved slightly downward during Janu-

to exhibit improvement. Railway earnings continue their monotonous record of increase, for January gaining 7.2 per cent over fast year and 3.2 per cent over 190. The fourth week's earnings were somewhat reduced by bad weather. Famine conditions exist in the market for tig from. It is doubtful whether there was ever at time in the history of the nation when this metal was so scarce. Considering the fact that production during 190 was far beyond all previous records the present shortage gives indisputable evidence of the unprecedented rate at which the mills have been consuming. Controlling interests deprecate all tendencies to inflate prices, recognizing the fact that the continued heavy consumition is dependent upon quotations held at a reasonable roint. Nevertheless, if deliveries are wanted before July I, it is often necessary to pay a premium, and consumers have been connected in zeros introduced to these profess.

and no less exented rise, has steaded at stigat advance on last week. Tin and lead are also higher.

The world's statistics of wheat movement have been, on the whole, rather bullish this week, and, coupled with cold weather, caused some strengthening. The volume of business has been of a scalping character, however. Toward the close of the week some expect inquiry developed in wheat. The margin in tavor of the cash article has widened during the past six weeks, and the actual stuff is really higher than a menth ago. Flour is in better demand at St. Louis. Corn and cats have sympathized within narrow limits. Hog products have advanced with the coarse grains and also because receipts of hogs have been small.

Wheat including flour, exports for the week aggregate 4.884, 50 in this week last year. Wheat exports July 1, 1901, to date (thirty-two weeks) saggregate 19,148-97 but, as against 19,776,135 last season. Corn exports aggregate 18,148-97 but, as against 19,776,135 last season. Corn exports aggregate 18,148-97 but, as against 18,149-180 but, as against 18,150 last season. The bulls in certain found a long-looked-for opportunity this week in the reduced movement of supplies from the interior, part of which is conceded to be due to cold weather. Additional strengthening features have been the cheerful tone of foreign and demestic trade reports, and sellers of stagle cotton, however, continue agart, and sales are not heavy and demestic trade reports, and the strengthening of print clotus. Buyers and sellers of stagle cotton, however, continue agart, and sales are not heavy.

The contrary is true in the jobbing branch, participate in the latter are heavily sold aboat in all departments. Plain dress woolens have bed their ravorable postition of previous weeks, but a strik

wood sale prices are about on a parity with our markets.

The spring demand for boots and shoes is still not active, though more is doing at Philadelphia. Trade is reported slow at Chicago and only gradually opening up at Boston. Shipments from the East during January, however, were 10 percent in excess of a pear ago. Leather remains steady and in fair demand, despite the weakening in prices of hides.

Demand for sugar remains low and prices are without material change on the week, while increased weight of coffee supplies has caused another reduction in that product.

Business failures in the United States for the week number 126, as against 231 int week, 250 in this week hast year, 231 in 190, 193 in 1898 and 278 in 1898. Canadian failures for the week number 27, as against 45 last week and 24 in this week a year ago.

MAINTAIN FIRM ATTITUDE

of the East.

but Russian trade.

IN MANCHURIAN MATTERS.

nited States Do Not Propose to

Yield Any Trade Advantages or

Mining Concessions.

and our diplomatic representatives conse

Taxing Church Property.

ogical Institute closed last night. Invita-

their next meeting by the representatives

Wear a Birth-Month Ring. The amethyst, meaning "contentment,

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rings set with amethyst \$2.50 to \$15, and

with diamonds and amethyst up to \$300.

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Have them examined free of charge by

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Steel frames, \$1 and up; gold, \$5 and up.

Jaccard's, Broadway and Locust. He will tell you whether you need glasses or not

firm instructions on those points.

bilyers and sellers are far apart in their views of the right price. The situation appears to favor holders.

'Compared with the erratic course of the cereals during the preceding month or two, produce markets have been quiet this week. Duliness and lack of special influences were not productive of weakness, however, form quotations being stubbornly maintained. In the case of corn there are many expressions of faith in lower prices without aggressive speculation on the short side. There was no support in Atlantic exports of 12.963 bu., compared with 2.572.462 a year ago. Heavy storms curtailed the interior movement to 1.582,699 bu., against 5.056,898 last year. Exporters of wheat evince a disposition to wait for easier terms, but slipments of old orders were 4.672.296 bu., against 4.30,981 a year ago. Among the other staples, cotton received a little support, notwithstanding liberal port receips.

Final returns of commercial influes during January exhibit an exceptionally large number of insolvencies and also an unusual amount of defaulted liabilities. In manufacturing lines there were 24 failures, involving 55.385,548, an increase of 51.67,364 over the liabilities last year. Defaulting traders numbered 1,120, with liabilities of 54.15,572, an increase of 172 in number and 51.805,168 in amount. Miscellaneous failures were in number and 588,581 in liabilities, exceeding January, 1961, by 19 in number, but showing a decrease of \$221,442 in defaulted liabilities. KANSAS WHEAT CROP

Estimated That This Year's Yield Will Be One Hundred Mil-Hon Bushels.

Washington, Feb. 7 .- While details of the DEPUBLIC SPECIAL. egotiations cannot be developed here at present, confirmation is to be had of the treaty that would threaten the interests of the United States in that Important section The State Department has made perfect-

churia, and its determined attitude in that sas State Board of Agriculture said tomatter probably has prevented the summary closing of Manchurlan ports to any The questions now involved, namely, those relating to mining concessions, and the right to construct railroads in Manchuria,

portance to the question of the "open door," the condition suggested." quently are acting under conservative but Figuring the average yield for next year the same as it was the last season, which was a triffe above seventeen bushels an acre, the next Kansas wheat crop will run STATE THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE 500,000 bushels above the 109,000,000 mark. This is one-sixth as much as the entire United States produced last year. Seventeen Session Closed-Lawyer Opposed Macon, Mo., Feb. 7.-The Missouri Theo-

the acreage has not been so large.

Last year the wheat crop had to run the gantlet of all sorts of bugaboos-winter freezing, the Hessian fly, the chinch bug, dry weather, wet weather, the wheat louse, and finally, just before harvest, heavy rains and high winds came and much of the wheat blue down. the wheat blew down. But, notwithstand ing all this, the Kansas farmers managed to gather in 90,000,000 bushels of the finest ever harvested—the largest crop ever raised in any State in the history of the world. But if next year's crop has no more diffi-culties to contend with than the half dozen or so named. Kansas will come to the front with 100,000,000 bushels of wheat.

in winter at Tampa Bay Hotel. Information at Republic Bureau, St. Louis, and Southern and Louisville and Nashville Railroad.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Helena, Ark., Feb. 7.—Helena took steps last night to materially strengthen her facilities for preventing and nighting ilres, the city having suffered greatly in this respect the last winter. A new fire company is to be organized, additional hose bought, several additional paid men are to be employed, larger water mains are to be secured for some quarters of the city, and generally the Fire Department is to be made vastly more efficient. It is estimated that the insurance companies have already lost more than they have taken out of the town for the geason.

Valentines, 5 Cents to \$10. Original and unique designs, Mermod Jaccard's, Broadway and Locust.

Military Company Organized. Military Company Organized.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Warrensburg, Mo., Feb. 7.—The Warrensburg militia company, with a membership of fifty, was mustered into the service last night by Captain J. L. Jewell of Kansas City. It will be known as Company "E" and become a part of the Third Regiment of Kansas City. The officers are: C. E. Degroff, Captain; Charles Ciay, First Lieutenant; Jeff Burriz, Second Lieutenant. Back From South Africa.

R UBLIC SPECIAL.

Mrion, Ill., Feb. 7.—Fred and Lewis Fluke of this place arrived home from South Africa iast night. They left home October 2, and in company with twenty-eight other Americans, cared for 1,000 mules destined for the English Army. To their disappointment the English would not allow one of them to go asnore on South African soil.

Engraved Letter Hends, High-class business and profession tionery executed at very reasonable prices in the stationery factory of Mermod & Jaceard's, Broadway and Locust.

Hancock County Teachers.

DR.PRICE'S/ Gream Baking Powder

Each time the United States Government has officially tested the baking powders the report has shown Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder to be of superlative leavening strength, free from alum, absolutely pure and wholesome.

This is gratifying, for Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder is depended upon by millions of people to raise their daily bread.

PRICE BAKING POWDER CO. CHICAGO.

Note.—These Government inquiries also developed the fact that there are many mixtures upon the market made in imitation of baking powder, but containing alum or other caustic acid, whose use in

### TAFT EXPLAINS HIS GEO. A. BAKER'S WILL FILED. FORMER STATEMENTS

Did Not Mean to Intimate That Tariff Reduction Would Not Benefit Philippines.

NO IMMEDIATE ADVANTAGE."

Political Effect Would Be Good, but Substantial Results Would Not Be Felt by Inhabitants for Some Time.

Washington, Feb. 7.-The Senate Commit ee on Philippines to-day continued its con sideration of the question of the revenue o the Philippine Islands, Governor Taft still being on the stand. He began his state-ment with an explanation of that portion of his testimony of yesterday to the effect that sentiment was the main reason for asking substantial reduction of the rates of the Dingley law so far as they apply to the Philippines, saying he feared that the state ment might be misunderstood.

The idea he had meant to convey by that statement was that the Philippine Commis sion welcomes every evidence of a desire on the part of the American people to aid the Philippine people, and he believed that any such evidence of discrimination would aid the Philippine administration and its work. That in time such a concession as was pro-posed would be of vast benefit to the farmers of the islands—and practically all the in-habitants are farmers—he did not doubt. He was sure the political effect would be good, but that there would be any immeditrue, regardless of the statement made in his official report that such a reduction would cause an advance in trade by "leaps and bounds" he did not mean to withdraw the recommendation-on the contrary, he would be giad to have a reduction of 50 per

Tariff Bill Should Be Permanent.

Governor Taft also explained that he had not intended to convey the idea that the 65,000,000 acres of land in the Philippines not controlled by private ownership is ar-able. Much of the area is, he said, covered by mountain ranges and is not, therefore capable of cultivation.

In response to a suggestion from Sena-tor Culberson, Governor Taft said he did not think the bill providing a tariff between the United States and the Philippines should temporary as is the case with reference to the Porto Rican bill.

Speaking of the new revenue bill passed by the Philippine Commission, he said that so far the effect is conjectural, but it was hoped the amount, under the impetus it would give the trade, would soon equal the reductions secured under the old laws, which was \$9,000,000,000 or \$10,000,000. There had so far been a great increase in the importation of food products, especially canned goods, which come principally from the United States and Seates. Railroad Building in Philippines.

Governor Taft next explained the con-tracts which have been let for harbor improvements, involving an expenditure of \$3, 000,000, and, in response to questions by Mr. Hale, said that contracts also had been let for the construction of twenty launches of

for the construction of twenty launches or small seagoing boats for the transportation of mail of provincial officers.

Governor Taft asked for power to pass general corporation laws. Most of the enterprises there now, he explained, are controlled by English capitalists.

Mr. Dubols wanted to know if it would not be advantageous for the Government to build and control railroads, telephones, etc. "That is a question of general economic consideration." answered Governor Taft, "which the commission wishes to avoid." Reverting to the subject of corporations, Governor Taft thought it would be wise for Congress to give to the commission some

discretionary power in the matter of build-

Estate Worth \$70,000 Goes to Widow and Children. "I. Geo. A. Baker of the city of 8

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Louis and State of Missouri, realizing the certainty of death, and recognizing, the wonderful goodness and mercy of my heavenly. Father—that to him I am indebted for all that I possess—do hereby make and publish my last will and testament."

The foregoing is the opening paragraph of the will of Geo. A. Baker, late president of the Continental National Bank, which was filed for probate yesterday. His estate is valued at \$70,000.

To his wife. Eleanor S. Baker, he left his books, silverware and furnishings of his late residence, as also horses, vehicles etc., and one-third of the rest of his estate. The remainder of the estate is to be divided in equal portions among his children, william S. Baker, Grace B. Cunningham, wife of Charles A. Cunningham; George A. Baker, Jr., and Shirley A. Baker.

Any giffits to his children made prior or subsequent to the date of the will, August 12, 1868, are not to be charged against them This does not include that other obligation are to be extinguished, the will recites his sons, William S. and George, are named executors without bond. The will proides that they shall receive no compensation. The executors qualified yesterday.

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Are Heavy Losers. REPUBLIC SPECIAL Texarkana, Tex., Feb. 7.—Reports from cotton planters in the Red River Valley adacent to this section give a distressing account of the loss of cotton in bolls since the beginning of the present severe weather. For two months past on many of the large plantations one-fourth of the crope, which were safe when the bad weather set in, have been entirely lost. No picking whatever has been done since the early part of December. The disaster is another avidence of the far-reaching effect that the second

SALT COMPANIES CONSOLIDATE

International Incorporated With Capital Stock of \$1,000,000. Chicago, Feb. 7.-The International Salt Company, with a capital stock of \$1,000,800, was incorporated at Springfield to-day. According to Mark Morton, one of the incorporators, the new concern will take in the National Salt Company, and the Retsof Salt Company of New York, Joy, Morton & Co., of Chicago, and several other companies, which, Mr. Morton said, he was not at lib-

erty to name.



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GIVES MUCH PROMISE.

Topeka, Kas., Feb. 7.-Notwithstanding the months of dry weather in the fall and report from Pekin that the United States, early winter and the reports from some Government is acting with Japan and Great | sections of Kansas that the wheat has been Britain in resisting any action by Russia seriously injured by the cold weather in and China in the shape of a Manchurian December and the dry weather combined.

present reports from all over the Kansa wheat belt indicate the wheat generally is in first-class condition. There is every prospect now for a great crop the coming year. ly clear to Russia its purpose to retain In commenting upon the present condition

"The condition of the growing winter wheat is about all that could be desired. The returns from our correspondents during December indicated a probable increase in acreage sown of about 12 per cent, which are regarded as only secondary in im- would mean that Kansas now has, approx imately, 5,900,000 acres of growing wheat in

bushels an acre is by no means an extra large yield. It is good for an average, but Kansas has done even better in years when tlons were extended to the ministers to hold

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their next meeting by the representatives from Butler, Keytesville and Armstrong, but the decision will not be made until the Executive Committee has more fully considered the matter.

One of the highly interesting features of the meeting occurred when R. W. Barrow, attorney at law, snoke upon the subject of laxation of church property. The lawyer argued that church property should be exempt, because churches everywhere were doing what was virtually police work, and thus saving immense costs to the State. "Communities where churches are well supported," said Mr. Barrow, "are never law-less and the labors of the guardians of the peace are greatly lightened."

But the personal property of churches is taxed, and this caused Mr. Barrow to refer to a peculiar feature of the State Constitution. "It seems odd," he said, "that "he pews, Bibles, hymn books and even the communion service of a church are rubjects for the assessor's attention, while the personal property of agricultural exhibitions, including the race tracks, betting stands and all the paraphernalia of such sport, are free as the air we breathe. I can only explain this on the ground that most of us Missourians are of Kentucky descent, and a horze race is regarded as one of our sacred rights by reason of our distinguished ancertry."

The concluding address was delivered by guished ancertry."

The concluding address was delivered by
the Reverend C. M. Truex of Clinton, en
the subject, "The Life More Abundant."

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Carthage, Ill., Feb. 7.—The Hancock
County 'teachers' Institute met in Carthage
to-day with Honorable M. P. Berry, D. S.
Ellitot of Normal, Ill., L. Fairfax, W. B.
Larrick, J. M. Pace of Macomb, Doctor F.
L. Sigmund and S. P. Tregs of Ciayton in
attendance and on the programme of the BILLY CHARGED WITH MURDER-BILLY CHARGED WITH MURDER— A warrant charging murder in the first de-gree was issued yesterday against Charles Billy, who shot his wife in a quarrel over a dog in from of her home at Second and Victor streets on January 22. She died four days afterwards. They had been separated for several weeks at the time of the trouble, and he called at the house to effect a recon-clination.

And he called at the house to effect a reconciliation.

Note Change—City ticket and freight office of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway now located at 520 Olive street.

MRS. SMITH OBTAINS DIVORCE—Inex M. Smith, who collapsed twice during the trial of the suit of her husband, Beverly W. Smith, for divorce, was granted a dispersion of the suit of her divorce, was granted a dispersion of the suit of her divorce, was granted a dispersion of the suit of her divorce, was granted a dispersion of the suit of her divorce, was granted as dispersion of the suit of her divorce, was granted as dispersion of the suit of her divorce, was granted as dispersion of the suit of her divorce, was granted as dispersion of the suit of her divorce, was granted as dispersion of the suit of her husband, Beverly W. Smith, who collapsed twice during the trial of the suit of her husband, Beverly W. Smith, who collapsed twice during the trial of the suit of her husband, Beverly W. Smith, who collapsed twice during the trial of the suit of her husband, Beverly W. Smith, for divorce, was granted as dispersion of the suit of her husband, Beverly W. Smith, so divorce, was granted as dispersion of the suit of her husband, Beverly W. Smith, so divorce, was granted as dispersion of the suit of her husband.